tion with communal and caste conflicts and to provide relief and succour to the victims. To deal with the additional role assigned to these Battalions, additional elements comprising Pioneer, Fire Fighting, Medical and Transport personnel and special stores and equipments were sanctioned.

(b) These battalions were deployed in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and Punjab in 1982; in Assam, Gujarat and Punjab in 1983 and in Punjab in 1985.

(c) The recruitment of personnel to these Battalions has been made in accordance with the recruitment rules and it has been ensured that these battalions represent the cross-sections of the society.

(d) Government have decided in 1984 higher pensionary award to the families of those Govt. servants including armed police and para-military forces personnel who die while performing their duties as a result of attack by extremists, anti-social elements etc. or during action against dacoits, smugglers, hostiles etc.

Economic criteria for reservation in Government jobs and educational institutions

1956. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for application of economic criteria to identify backward classes for reservations in Government jobs and professional/educational institutions;

(b) the names of the States opting for economic criteria, also the political parties favouring economic criteria combined with castes *i.e.* economic ceiling;

(c) how many States and Union Territories have not applied constitutional directive with regard to reservation for backward classes;

(d) how many States have adopted mixed criteria *i.e.* caste, economic and occupational; and

(e) which are the States involved in litigation at High Court and Supreme Court level in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Representations have been received. However, we do not propose to deviate from the policy of reservation of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes followed so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) None.

Leela Penta Hotel near Bombay airport

957. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a restriction on the height of the Leela Penta Hotel near Bombay airport has been imposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): Yes, Sir. A restriction of 147' above the mean sea level has been imposed on height of the Leela Penta Hotel near Bombay airport.

Encouragement of cultural activities among the youth

958. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps Government propose to take to encourage

cultural activities among the youth in the country;

(b) whether there is any Central or Centrally sponsored scheme to support cultural tours specially of the Youth from one State to another;

(c) whether Government propose to declare a cultural week every year in the country enabling each State to organise cultural programmes in various cities and towns; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The following are some of the major steps being undertaken to encourage cultural activities among the youth in the country :—

1. Organisation of "Lok Utasavas".

2. Holding of Zonal/national festivals under the scheme of "Assistance to young theatre workers" operated by Sangeet Natak Akademi.

3. Grant of scholarships under Cultural Telent Search Scholar-Ship Scheme and the Scheme for award of scholarships to young workers.

4. Setting up of Nehru Yuvak Kendras whose activities include holding of annual folk art festival, organisation of workshops of folk theatre puppetry, dancing etc.

5. Provision of financial assistance to voluntary organisations engaged in promotion of cultural activities.

6. Organisation of teacher training programmes designed to propagate culture among school and college students.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Sangeet Natak Akademi operates a scheme of inter-State exchange of cultural troupes.

(c) and (d) At present there is no proposal to declare a cultural week in view of the large number of cultural programmes organised in cities and towns throughout the year.

Crime in Delhi

959. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the figures relating to crime of various types committed in Delhi during the years 1982. 1983, 1984 and the first six months of 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): A statement is annexed.

Statement

Crime Head	1982	1983	1984	1985 (up to 30-6-85)
Dacoity	24	22	29	16
Murder	240	241	312	168
Attempt to Murder	234	230	279	123
Robbery	155	202	235	136
Riots	166	177	439	59
Hurts	1800	1747	1797	1001
Burglary	1339	1283	1568	844
Snatching	111	121	129	90
Theft	13620	12860	13958	6919
Misc. IPC	9176	10203	12027	5891
TOTAL . IPC :	27185	27086	30773	15247